

## **Build Report Cass Co, MI Team 2 June 13-June 24, 2005**

**Team Leaders:** John & Carol Lee

**Assistants:** None, with the exception that Larry & Jean Storeholders guided the members working on the secondary house.

**Estimated** hours worked: 1278

**Coaches:** 9- 18 workers for 1 week and 17 workers for the next week

**First Timers:** 1 coach

**Work Performed:** The first team had the primary house (our Chapter funded house on Clinton St. being built for Lindsey Merrill and her two children) ready for interior paint & trim. On the exterior, our team finished the back porch, completed the soffit, fascia trim, installed screens, storm doors, and installed the garage door opener, etc. In the interior work included doors, including bi-folds for closets, kitchen cabinets, counter tops, shelves, kitchen underlayment, window, door & base trim, door knobs, locks, basement step handrail, rough framing in the basement. Also we completed the radon vent, put the washer & dryer in the basement, and setup the stove and refrigerator.

There was a secondary house on Maple St. (started last year for Stacy Pulliam, his wife, and children), the affiliate requested our help to get it "on track". We put half our team there where they accomplished much. They finished (had to do considerable rework) the side deck, the front porch, built a garage complete, painted interior walls, put down kitchen underlayment, installed doors, trim, baseboard, etc. This house is now close to completion.

Both houses were dedicated Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> with local media, our team, and most of the Cass County HFH board in attendance. A local minister led us in prayer. Both families were presented a gift of cleaning supplies (including a mop, broom, etc.). Lindsey Merrill was presented a handmade quilt made by Alice Clarke. Alice, with her two sons, was able to attend the dedication. The chapter funded home was dedicated in memory of her husband Larry, one of the founders of our FMCA chapter. Both homes were also given a hanging basket of flowers which were hung on their porches.

**Coach Parking:** was at the Cass County Fairgrounds in Cassopolis Michigan. We had picnic benches, bathrooms (with showers), 50 amp electric, water, and a dump station. The affiliate negotiated a reduced camping rate (\$9/day) and contributed approximated half our total camping fee. Also, some of our build fee was used toward camping fee.

**Other Activities:** We went to the Hay Loft for some fantastic ice cream treats twice. Friday, we went to the Elks Lodge in Dowagiac for fish, steak, etc. A "White Elephant Auction" was held. Items sold ranged from: chapter tee shirts, music CD's, paper back novels, a glass squirrel, holding tank chemicals, etc. From this fund the "cleaning supplies gifts" for each family were purchased. Also, a donation was made to the Cass County HFH affiliate. Our final dinner/awards was held at Zeke's restaurant in Dowagiac with one homeowner and the affiliate president, Dave Springsteen in attendance. Dave thanked the FMCA chapter team('s) for their generosity and hard work. Thanks to us, they feel their affiliate will be doing well financially and with their build goals. They hope to build a house a year and invite FMCA teams in the future.

**Construction Supervision:** was provided by the team of Dave Springsteen and Clint Roach (both who were knowledgeable & helpful, but not on site as much as they were during the first two weeks, due to the demands of their businesses. Dave has a Realty Agency, Clint is Construction Supply Manager at the local lumber company). Also, Dave Hogar (board member) was available for interior trim and cabinet installation instruction.

**Concerns:** As generally noted on other builds, it is somewhat detrimental to overall team moral and cohesion when teams are divided. Morning devotions were held as group at the campsite. Job goals, needs, requests, etc. were discussed. Evening team gatherings (Happy Hours) were held daily to grow as a group.

**Accidents:** none, other than minor blisters, hit thumbs, etc.

**Future Team Leaders:** Bob & Lynn Packer, Brian & Gwen Davis

**Submitted:** John & Carol Lee, Team Leaders

**Attachments:** Final Report (Audited by Deann Harrington)  
Team Participant List